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SUMMARY. MAY DAY AND VARIOUS COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE (CYL) CONGRESS TURNOUTS HAVE IDENTIFIED NEW AND REHABILITATED PROVINCIAL LEADERS IN HEILUNGKIANG AND ELSEWHERE. WHILE THE MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN MARKED, THERE WERE ALSO SOME UNEXPLAINED MAY 1 ABSENCES OF TOP OFFICIALS OF THE SHANYANG, WUHAN, CANTON AND FUCHOU MILITARY REGIONS. THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF PROVINCE LEVEL CHANGES IS BROKEN DOWN GEOGRAPHICALLY, CORRESPONDING TO THE OLD PARTY BUREAUS. END SUMMARY.

1. MANCHURIA  
HEILUNGKIANG' S FIRST SECRETARY, WANG CHIA- TAO, WAS IDENTIFIED IN HIS OLD POSITION IN A MAY 4 RADIO REPORT ON THE PROVINCE' S CYL CONGRESS OPENING. WANG LAST APPEARED PUBLICLY IN PEKING, IN AUGUST 1971 AND WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PURGED. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, WANG AND HEILUNGKIANG' S SECOND SECRETARY, LIU KUANG- T' AO, BOTH SENT THEIR GREETINGS FROM " OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE." LIU HAS BEEN RUNNING HEILUNGKIANG IN WANG' S ABSENCE AND IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHY BOTH MISSED BUT GREETED THE CYL OPENING. THE SAME  
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BROADCAST REPORTED FOUR NEW HEILUNGKIANG CCP SECRETARIES, TWO OF WHOM ARE REHABILITATED FORMER SECRETARIES ( JEN CHUNG- YI AND YANG I- CHEN). THIS FOLLOWS THE PATTERN SET BY LIAONING, THE BASE PROVINCE OF MANCHURIAN BOSS CH' EN HSI- LIEN, WHICH HAS RECENTLY NAMED OR PROMOTED FIVE CIVILIAN PARTY SECRETARIES INCLUDING TWO REHABILITEES ( WR 11). IN LIAONING, MILITARY REGION POLITICAL COMMISSAR TSENG SHAO- SHAN, WHO IS ALSO PROVINCIAL CCP SECOND SECRETARY, MISSED THE OTHERWISE FULL MAY DAY TURNOUT.

## 2. EAST CHINA

FOLLOWING LAST WEEK' S RARE VISIT OF A HIGH NANKING MILITARY REGION OFFICIAL TO SHANGHAI ( WR 18), THE SHANGHAI GARRISON COMMANDER TURNED UP FOR THE MAY 1 FESTIVITIES IN NANKING ( KIANGSU RADIO BROADCAST). THE COMMANDER, CHOU CHUN- LIN, WAS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AS A " RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THE PLA NANKING UNITS." HIS APPEARANCE IN THE KIANGSU CAPITAL AT A TURNOUT LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER AND NANKING REGION COMMANDER HSU SHIH- YU IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF TOP REGIME OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED WITH SHANGHAI GIVES THE CITY A VITRUALLY AUTONOMOUS STATUS. CHEKIANG HAD NO LARGE TURNOUT, BUT NCNA APRIL 27 IDENTIFIED LAI K' O- K' O AS HAVING BEEN PROMOTED TO CCP SECRETARY, THE POSITION HE HELD PRIOR TO THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. IN FUKIEN, BOTH FUCHOU MILITARY COMMANDER HAN HSIEN - CHU AND CH' EN TSAI TAO, THE FORMER WUHAN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER, MISSED THE LARGE MAY 8 TURNOUT THERE. FORMER TOP POLITICAL COMMISSAR LI CHIH- MIN, WHO TURNED UP IN FUKIEN ALONG WITH CH- EN THIS JANUARY ( WR 3) SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO SHANSI. AN APRIL 29 TAIYUAN BROADCAST REPORTS HIM LEADING A TRADE UNION CONGRESS TURNOUT THERE.

## 3. SOUTH CENTRAL CHINA

THE HUPEH AND WUHAN MILITARY REGION NO 2, WANG LIU- SHENG, MISSED THE MAY DAY TURNOUT. INCLUDED AMONG THE GROUP THAT DID APPEAR WAS HUPEH BOSS TSENG SZE- YU, ALONG WITH A MAN HE SACKED IN 1968, FORMER WUHAN MAYOR LIU HSI- NUNG. ONE OF LIU' S VICE MAYORS, HSUING FEI, ASLO REAPPEARED AFTER A FIVE- YEAR ABSENCE. TO THE SOUTH, CANTON MILITARY REGION COMMANDER TING SHENG MISSED THE OTHERWISE COMPLETE MAY 1 TURNOUT IN HIS KWANGTUNG BAILIWICK. AS WITH THE OTHER TOP MILITARY OFFICIALS INEXPLICABLY ABSENT FROM LARGE TURNOUTS ELSEWHERE, HE IS NOT THOUGHT TO BE IN TROUBLE.

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## RM NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CHINA

THE TITULAR BOSS OF SINGKIANG, VETERAN MINORITY CADRE SAIFUDIN, HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO DUTIES AT THE CENTER. HE HAS BEEN LISTED AMONG THE PEKING PRINCIPALS IN THREE TURNOUTS FROM MAY DAY TO SIHANOUK' S MAY 8 DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA CARRYING HIS NATIONAL- LEVEL TITLE OF NPC STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER. LIKE OTHER REGIONAL FIGURES AT THE CENTER, HE MAY KEEP HIS PROVINCIAL TITLES.

HIS TRANSFER, HOWEVER TEMPORARY, HELPS THE REGIME TO PLACE THE ACTUAL POWER IN SINKIANG INTO THE HANDS OF MORE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP; REPORTEDLY A LONG- HELD CENTER GOAL ( HONG KONG A-46). MEANWHILE IN KWEICHOW, TWO REHABILITATED MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LEADERSHIP THERE ( WR 16). CHANG HSIN- TIEN AND HSUEH KUANG, IDENTIFIED IN AN PARIL 18 BROADCAST, BOTH HELD PLA POSITIONS IN THE PROVINCE BEFORE DISAPPEARING IN 1967.  
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